

ABSTRACT

METHOD AND APPARATUS
FOR
AUGMENTING FUNCTIONALITY
OF BROADCAST CONTENT RECEIVERS

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10 Commands received in a set-top-box are forwarded upstream to an
augmentation unit. The augmentation unit executes commands. Record and
play commands may enable personal video recording using a set-top-box as
a command interpreter. Firmware patches enable a set-top-box to forward
commands using a network protocol.